

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Applicants now cancel claims 69-71, 73, 74, 76, 78, 83-89 and 91, and amend claim 90 by placing it in independent form:

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Claims 69-71, 73, 74, 76, 78, 83-89, and 91(canceled)

Claim 72 (previously submitted) An insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and a polymeric processing aid, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.5% by weight and is chemically stable, and wherein said pellet has a bulk density of about 26 to about 31 lbs/ft³.

Claim 75 (presently submitted) An insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and a polymeric processing aid, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.5% by weight and is chemically stable, and wherein the polymeric processing aid is a vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer.

Claim 77 (previously submitted) An insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and a polymeric processing aid, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.5% by weight and is chemically stable, and wherein the pellet contains no surfactants.

Claim 79 (previously submitted) A chemically stable insecticidal pellet comprising about 97 to about 99.5% by weight of acephate as an active ingredient, about 0.5 to about 3% by weight of a polymeric processing aid, a bulk density of about 26 to about 31 lbs/ft³, and having a moisture content up to about 0.3% by weight.

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Claim 80 (previously submitted) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 79, wherein the polymeric processing aid is a vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer.

Claim 81 (previously submitted) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 79, wherein the pellet contains no surfactants.

Claim 82 (previously submitted) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 79, wherein the pellet contains no organic solvents.

Claim 90 (currently amended) A chemically stable insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and a polymeric processing aid, the polymeric processing aid being present in an amount up to about .3% by weight, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight and remains substantially free-flowing without caking or compaction under drum storage conditions [The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 83], wherein the pellet contains no surfactants.